

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An endcap for a lancing device comprising:
a body;
a contact face on said body, the contact face having an inner portion and an outer portion;
an opening in said inner portion of the contact face; and
a pattern of pressure points on said face, wherein said pressure points comprise a pattern of a plurality of ribs with channels defined between adjacent ribs, the plurality of ribs extending from the outer portion of the contact face toward the inner portion of the contact face.
2. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 1 wherein said body is formed of transparent material.
3. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 1 wherein said contact face is concave.
4. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 1 wherein said pressure points are concentric with said opening.
5. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 1 wherein said pressure points extend radially from said opening.
6. (Currently Amended) An endcap for a lancing device comprising:
a body, said body including a face, an aperture in said face for passage of a lancet, said face being concave, and a rib pattern [[on]] projecting from said face, said rib pattern including channels defined between adjacent ribs.

7. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 6 wherein said rib pattern includes a plurality of ribs defining channels between said ribs.

8. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 6 wherein said body is fabricated of transparent material.

9. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 6 wherein said rib pattern includes a plurality of ribs concentric with said aperture.

10. (Previously Presented) The endcap of claim 6 wherein said rib pattern includes a plurality of ribs extending radially from said aperture.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of drawing a sample for testing, comprising:
providing a lancing device having a lancet and an endcap, said endcap including a skin contacting face having an inner portion and an outer portion, the contacting face having a pattern of pressure points on said face, said pressure points comprising a plurality of ribs with channels defined between adjacent ribs, the plurality of ribs extending from the outer portion of the contacting face toward the inner portion of the contacting face;
placing said face of said endcap onto a selected site;
actuating said lancet to puncture skin at said selected site; and
massaging said site with said skin contacting face on said site to cause blood to flow to said puncture.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising massaging said site with said skin contacting face prior to actuating said lancet.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein massaging said site comprises alternating turning said endcap clockwise and counterclockwise while maintaining pressure on said selected site.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said massaging said site comprises rocking said skin contacting face on said site.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said massaging said site comprises moving said skin contacting face toward and away from said site.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said massaging said site comprises applying constant pressure on said skin contacting face to move said skin contacting face against said site and apply constant pressure thereon.

Claim 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said skin contacting face includes an aperture for passage of said lancet, further comprising beveling said skin contacting face around said aperture thereby providing gradual reduction of pressure toward said aperture as said site is massaged by said skin contacting face.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said endcap is transparent, further comprising viewing said selected site through said transparent endcap while massaging said site to determine the amount of blood for testing.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the sample is blood.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the selected site is an alternative test site, wherein the alternative test site is an arm or a leg.